

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-23 and 25-35 have been examined. Claims 1-4, 6 and 31-35 are hereby canceled by this Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating claims 7-23 and 25-30 are in condition for allowance.

As all of the non-allowed claims have been canceled by this Amendment, Applicants submit the Application is in condition for immediate allowance.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 32 as being improper for being a multiple dependent claim depending from other multiple dependent claims.

Applicants submit this objection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 32 by this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and claims 3, 4, 6 and 32-35 as being dependent upon claims 1 or 2.

Applicants submit this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-4, 6 and 32-35 by this Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)


The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6 and 31-35 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Batchelder (US 6,019,165).

Applicants submit this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-4, 6 and 31-35 by this Amendment.

Conclusion

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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